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at Whittle



Whittle Weekly

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What's been happening this week

Dear Parents and Carers,
2019 is promising to be another exciting year for Whittle Academy, with plenty of fabulous learning opportunities planned for all our wonderful children.



Our new Spring term themes have been launched already this term: Years 1 and 2 - The Big Smoke

Years 3 and 4 - Here come the Romans!

Years 5 and 6 - Greek Legacy

Ask your children about their learning so far. You will be impressed!

Family Learning

It was great to welcome 11 parents/carers from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to our new 'Learning Maths in School' course run by Adult Education. The course covers key aspects of maths, including methods that we use here in school. If you would like further information, please enquire at the office.

School Lunches

Our super catering team need your help! To ensure they can prepare and cook enough food for lunchtime, please could you let us know if your child is going to be late to school (e.g. due to an appointment) but will require a school lunch. If your child arrives after 11:00a.m. and hasn't ordered a lunch, a sandwich lunch will be provided. If your child arrives before 11:00, a cooked lunch will be provided. Thank you for your help with this.

Homework

Homework starts again this week and we know that parental support with homework makes a huge difference to children's progress. Each week, all children will have **spellings** and **their reading book**. Please could you help your child learn their spellings and please can you hear your child read as often as you can. Remember, this doesn't need to be a long time - 10 minutes fun time with a book is more effective than a 30 minute battle! Reading together makes a huge difference for all children, no matter their age.



Thank you for your continued support
and enjoy the weekend!

Mrs Docking and Mrs Upton

'Wear your Sports Kit to School' day



Friday 25 January

We were visited by a lady from the NSPCC this week who led a special assembly for the children, all about the importance of keeping themselves safe. This is something that is so important for all our children. To show our support for the NSPCC, we are holding a 'Wear your Sports Kit to School' day next Friday. Children can wear appropriate sports kit (no tummies or shoulders on show please) in return for a small donation for the NSPCC charity. We suggest 50p.

NSPCC

Class attendance for last week..

Class	% Attendance
Nursery	90.6
Reception	94.4
R/1K	95.9
1/2A	98.8
2M	92.4
3/4H	96.8
3/4S	96.4
5/6TA	93.4
5/6C	98.5
5/6JA	94.6
Whole School	95.3



News from around the School



EYFS

It has been a lovely first full week back at School. The children have settled back into the daily routine well. A warm welcome to all the new Nursery parents and children.

In Nursery we have been looking at the story 'The Gruffalo'. The children have shown a great interest in the story and are able to now retell parts of it.

We have been busy making 'Gruffalo crumble' in the messy tray and acting out the story in the role play area which is a forest!

Reception have been busy learning the story 'Stick Man' which they have been story mapping on big paper on the floor. They have also made their very own Stick men in the creative area using sticks and googly eyes.

Both classes have been looking at the winter season and talking about what clothing they wear when they go outside.

The winter trays have been a huge hit; the children have been playing with ice and arctic animals.



YEARS 1 / 2

Key Stage One have had a busy and exciting start to the Spring Term! Last week, the children discovered the title of our new Theme, 'The Big Smoke' and began creating some art work to decorate our new books. Miss Morgan, Mrs Adcock and Miss Keith were very impressed with children's knowledge of landmarks in Coventry! Thank you to everyone who has sent in photographs of places that the children have visited in Coventry. We are using these pictures as part of our Theme work and also as part of our displays in the classrooms.

PE and Sports Clubs

Year 1 and Year 2 PE days are now Mondays and Fridays. Please can you ensure that children have their PE kits in school at all times. If children are attending an afterschool sports club, it is advisable for children to have a separate sports kit for this.

Home Learning

Children in Year 1 and Year 2 are expected to:

- Be reading at home regularly to an adult.
- Practising weekly spellings (these are recorded in their reading diaries)
- Completing the termly 'Power Projects'
- Completing the termly Homework Packs.

Thank you for your continued support and co-operation with learning at home.

YEARS 5 / 6

Welcome back and Happy New Year! Our term has got off to a fantastic start with the launch of our new theme topic 'Greek Legacy'. On Monday, the children moved around the classrooms for different tasters of Greek culture. They looked at the Greek alphabet,

tasted traditional Greek foods, learnt how to dance like a Grecian and they even made their own tzatziki dips to taste. Ask them for the recipe!

Today you will receive your child's curriculum newsletter. This outlines everything that will be learnt this term and also reminds you of the expectations for homework and P.E. kit. If you foresee any problems with this, please come and speak to one of the 5/6 team who will be more than happy to help.

Have a great weekend!



YEARS 3 / 4 This week Year 3 and 4 have been extremely busy using their creative skills in writing. We have been introduced to 'The World's Worst Children' written by David Walliams and have been listening to his humorous stories about some of the characters. Ask us about 'Grubby Gertrude', 'Peter Picker' or 'Dribbling Drew' to find out all of their disgusting habits. In our Theme, which is 'Here comes the Romans' we have been using printing techniques to create an A3 printed mosaic. This takes great precision, pattern designing and control to create these mosaic masterpieces. Remember to keep supporting your child with their reading and recording their achievements in their reading diary. Thank you.

MERITS FROM TODAY

REC	Efrain "...has really grown in confidence since coming back after Christmas..."
R/1K	Jacob "...is such a lovely member of my class and puts a big smile on my face..."
1/2A	Ryleigh "...I am really impressed with Ryleigh's attitude towards his work..."
2M	Bobby "...works hard in every lesson and always tries his best..."
3/4H	Oliver "...what an awesome start to 2019 Oliver has made..."
3/4S	Chloe "...for constantly trying her hardest and her willingness to have a go..."
5/6C	Emaa "...for the kindness she has shown to children who have recently started our school..."
5/6JA	Fontaine "...has shown great patience as she played American Football with Mr Al..."
5/6TA	Olivia "...has returned to school with a positive attitude towards her learning..."

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